



## **Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee Minutes for February 18, 2009**

The Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 540A Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

### **Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Ms. Barbara Averyt  
Ms. Dina Capek  
Mr. Michael Dietrich  
Ms. Judy Downs  
Ms. Christine Ellis  
Ms. Patty Gray  
Ms. Clare Kioski  
Mr. Ken Komatsu  
Ms. Diane Kubala  
Dr. Don Lauer  
Ms. Jan NicholSEN  
Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine

### **Guests present**

Ms. Shoana Anderson  
Ms. Claire Ogden  
Ms. Wendy Snyder  
Ms. Kathi Zarubi

### **Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, backup to Don Herrington as Director's designee, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Dr. Sunenshine had some exciting news for the Committee. She thought it was important to mention that in the March 2009 edition of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology the main article is going to be "Infection Control Recommendations for Assisted Living Facilities," a Committee member may be asked to volunteer to review the document. Clare Kioski volunteered to send the article electronically to ADHS.

### **Introductions of Committee Members**

Dr. Sunenshine asked everyone including the newest member, Jan NicholSEN, to introduce themselves to the Committee. All those present either in person or by teleconference briefly provided an introduction to the group.

### **Review and Acceptance of January 21, 2009 Minutes**

Dr. Sunenshine asked if there were any corrections that need to be made to the January 21, 2009 minutes. Clare Kioski requested the minutes to be corrected to show she has not requested data from Virginia and is not awaiting receipt of the data. Hearing no other expressed need for any more changes, Dr. Sunenshine asked that a motion be made to approve the amended minutes. Barbara Averyt moved for the approval of the minutes and Ken Komatsu seconded the motion. Upon vote by the Committee, the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Introduction of the New Committee Member**

Dr. Sunenshine introduced and welcomed Jan NicholSEN, who was recently appointed to the Committee by the ADHS Director, and will be an additional healthcare associated infection survivor representative. Dr. Sunenshine gave Ms. NicholSEN the opportunity to share with the Committee anything she would like to. Ms. NicholSEN shared her background, knowledge, and experiences with healthcare due to a medical condition, and her everyday struggles and accomplishments. Ms. NicholSEN shared valuable information. Ms. NicholSEN also provided an article called “‘Superbugs’ That Strike the Sickest Patients” to the Committee to read. She expressed her appreciation for the invitation to be a part of the Committee, and the Committee so much appreciated her presence and had several questions for her.

Due to the time, Dr. Sunenshine asked Ms. NicholSEN if she would like more time to speak to the Committee at the next meeting, or if the Committee needed more time to ask her questions, and if so, this could be included on the next agenda. It was decided there was no need to add this to the agenda. The Committee would continue to press on as planned.

### **State Legislation Reviews**

Members of the Committee continued with their state legislation reviews. Details are contained in handouts, which will be made available on the website under the “Committee Work in Progress” tab on the left. The Committee has covered six states so far that have existing healthcare associated infection legislation, each of them with very different strategies and approaches. The state reviews were very productive and brought up some important discussions about best practices and issues for the Committee to consider when making their recommendations. Presentations were given by:

Christine Ellis—Illinois  
Patty Gray--California  
Barbara Averyt--Colorado  
Diane Kubala--New York

Judy Downs--Missouri

During Patty Gray's presentation, she suggested that AZHHA's (Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association) guiding principles developed for writing legislation, with AZHHA's permission, be shared with the Committee for discussion. Ms. Gray said she would send the document to ADHS. The Committee decided to put this as an agenda item, but after all the previously planned agenda items are covered.

Diane Kubala gave her presentation on New York and said she would email a pilot program to ADHS conducted by New York State.

Judy Downs confirmed that a new work assignment will make it difficult for her to attend upcoming Committee meetings and wanted to go ahead and present her information regarding Missouri.

### **Discuss of Agenda and Logistics for Next Meeting**

The Committee discussed the next meeting's agenda and logistics. The main focus will be the continuation of state legislation reviews (along with an additional item mentioned below). The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009, at ADHS, 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 540A Conference Room or the ALS Training Room. Committee members will be notified of the location. The meeting will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The call in number will remain the same for those members unable to attend in person.

### **Call to the Public**

There was a call to the public. One person was left to address the Committee. Their concern was the underlying question of how accurate is the data that is provided out there on websites for the consumer.

### **Adjournment**

Before closing the meeting, Ken Komatsu asked if a replacement was needed for Judy Downs. The Committee proceeded to discuss this need and decided for one of the Committee members to contact the Nursing Association for a replacement to represent a nurse with an infection control background. Judy Downs was no longer on the conference call. Dr. Sunenshine asked for a motion. Clare Kioski moved a motion of approval and Barbara Averyt seconded the motion. Another question was asked about another committee member and their membership obligations. Dr. Sunenshine suggested we put this discussion on the next agenda.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.